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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND ON U.S. CANDIDATE FOR THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

REF: A. SECSTATE 130573

¶B. SECSTATE 85722

¶1. On August 11, Poloff delivered a diplomatic note containing ref A points, text and c.v. to Michelle McGillivray; Senior Policy Officer; United Nations, Human Rights and Commonwealth Division; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT).

¶2. Embassy received the following Diplomatic Note from MFAT on August 14. The note has been faxed to EAP/ANP.

Begin Text:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's Note No. 49-06 of 10 August 2006 informing the Ministry that the United States has decided to nominate Professor Ruth Wedgwood as a candidate for re-election to the UN Human Rights Committee at elections to be held during the 25th meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to be held in New York on 7 September 2006.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade wishes to assure the Embassy of the United States of America that New Zealand will give careful consideration to this candidate.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade takes this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Wellington  
11 August 2006

End text.  
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